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ROY HARRIS IN CONFESSING TO KILLING ELWELL MAKES STATEMENTS THAT CONFLICT

**Harris Known in Bridgeport Had a
Pal Named Dunkin There—Both
Had Been Violators of Law—Harris
Describes "Mrs. Fairchild"—He
Sticks to His Story in Buffalo.**

Every available detective in the New York Police Department was put to work to-day to learn what truth, if any, was in the amazing story told by Roy Harris, twenty-three-year-old son of respectable Bridgeport, Conn., parents, of his share in the murder of Joseph Bowne Elwell in this city last June.

Detective Henry Oswald, who is particularly familiar with the persons, places and events of the Elwell murder, is on his way to Buffalo to talk with Harris in an effort to learn whether there is anything of truth in his story or whether it will fall to pieces under well-informed question-

HARRIS UNSHAKEN
IN 3 HOUR ORdeal

ON HIS CONFESSION

Impresses Buffalo District Attorney—Alienist Relieves Him Mentally Sound

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 7—Following a three-hour examination-to-day District Attorney Guy B. Moore said that Roy Harris's confession of participation in the murder of Joseph B. Elwell in New York last June was unshaken. Mr. Moore examined

Harris at the request of former Gov. Whitman. Dr. James W. Putham, an alienist, who listened to the cross-examination of the prisoner, said Harris seemed to be all right mentally.

Harris claimed that he was one of two men hired to kill Erwell for \$3,000 last June by a woman named "Fairchild." Harris is also known as G. E. B. Leonard and C. Charl. Last night he pleaded guilty to the murder.

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Reference was made to the Harris story. None of the mass of clues muddled over by the detectives last summer concerned "Mrs. Fairchild," Harris, Dunkin or "Jerry," or any persons to whom their descriptions might apply. But the Field, police records show that a "William Dunkin" of Dallas, Tex., was sentenced there to the Cheatham Reformatory for theft in December, 1919.

According to information received from Bridgeport by former Gov. Whitman, who, as Special Assistant District Attorney investigating official wrongdoing, took over the Elwell case last week, "William Dunkin" was discharged from the reformatory at Cheshire only to-day.

Harris, however, was actually employed in this city at the time Elwell was shot to death. Detectives to-day verified his story of having been employed as an elevator man at No. 335 Fifth Avenue at that time. But though he said he was employed there for only a few weeks and left soon

The police have established the fact that the satisfaction that Harris was in New York City at the time of the murder. His wife left him in Syracuse on July 3, 1920, almost a month after the murder was committed.

Harris was arrested yesterday on a charge of forger. They say that nearly a year and a half ago, while in St. Catherine, he assumed the name of "John Joseph White," of that city.

After the investigation of the Edwell murder reached its height in late June, the building records show that he was employed April 17 and left July 17, at a time when interest in the murder had so died down that the Assistant District Attorneys were taking only two interviews a week, telling of their certainty that the murderer "went four hours" after the "crime."

The authorities on both sides of the border have been searching for him since. Yesterday the police heard he had been seen at the Geneva Hotel. They went there and found that the man had been there, but had not registered under the name of "C. Carlin" of London, Ont., and that he